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2. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001-0026515, published October 4, 2001.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-91967, published April 10, 1998 (previously submitted).
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-134357, published May 22, 1998 (previously submitted).

One copy of listed reference 1 is submitted herewith. Copies of listed references 2-4 are not submitted herewith, as reference 2 is a US Patent Publication and references 3 and 4 were previously submitted.

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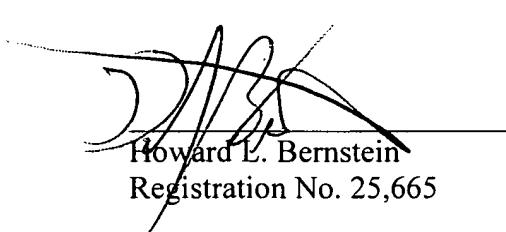
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